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**PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(3) TO ACCEPT AN UNINTENTIONALLY
DELAYED PRIORITY CLAIM UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 120**

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Dear Sir:

Applicants petition for acceptance of an unintentionally delayed claim of priority. Applicants hereby claim priority under 35 U.S.C. § 120 based on prior U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/187,161, filed 02 July 2002, entitled "Strand-Reinforced Composite Laminate" and naming Cristian M. Neculescu and Peiguang Zhou as inventors. This application is a continuation-in-part of the prior application.

The entire delay between the date the priority claim was due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(2)(ii) and the date the claim was filed was unintentional. Applicants' undersigned attorney first became aware of the entitlement to priority, and the overlapping subject matter between the instant application and the prior application, when preparing a response to an Office Action dated 02 February 2006 in the instant application. The Office Action included a claim rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) based on the prior application,

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and the overlapping subject matter. Applicants' attorney then studied the prior application and determined that the claim of priority is appropriate.

A check for \$1,370.00, covering the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(t), is enclosed. Please charge any additional amount owed, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-3550.

Respectfully submitted,



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